

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR SISTER:—I am now on historic ground. Here was fought years ago, in our civil war, the battle of Cedar Creek. Looking out of the window I see Bell Grove, Sheridan's headquarters. I am in the home of brother Wm. Spiggle, and to this house, were carried, on that memorable day, the wounded soldiers.

I came here yesterday and presented the purpose and object of the S. S. C. E. last night, at the Mount Zion church. And though we have only recorded the names of seven persons willing to become members of an S. S. C. E. at this place, we hope to secure more names tonight, and to organize. We have not failed anywhere in Virginia,—we must not fail tonight. The Virginia people have taken hold of the work with a good deal of enthusiasm. I am very hopeful for the work in this state, for it has the support of the pastors. Brother E. B. Shaver has given me much help in Shenandoah Co., and brother Jos. Hall in Rockingham Co. We would like to see the pastors everywhere take an interest in this work; for it is a grand auxiliary to the church.

At the time of last report I was at Quicksburg. There we organized with nineteen members with sister Mary Zirkle as president. Sister Zirkle has had no experience in this work, but she is a woman full of energy. She drove three miles through the snow drifts on Sunday after the big storm, to attend services. How many of our preachers did that? I did not.

From Quicksburg I went to Harrisburg, to the Bethlehem church, and there I enjoyed a great feast of fat things. No one will feel like a stranger there, for on every side are hands held out to greet the preacher. That is the home of Professor Hall, and there every music loving soul will enjoy a rich treat. The Hall family are all musicians, and with Professor Hall as organist, and Professor Hammer as chorister, the music of their church is excellent. Professor J. M. Bowman has also recently moved there, and is another valuable acquisition to their choir. Bethlehem has more than her share in that direction. Brother ministers if any of you ever have a call to the Bethlehem church, be sure to go, for the music alone will pay you. There we organized a society of forty-three members, with sister Lena Hammer as president. She lives six miles from the church, but her interest in the church, measures more than six miles, so we have no fears for that society.

Next we went to Mount Olive, ten miles

by private conveyance, through deep mud, but *it paid*. We were royally cared for, in every home we visited. The church is large but was crowded both nights, many walking five miles, to attend the services. There are some noble hearts there. We organized an S. S. C. E. of twenty-six members with sister Mollie Kisling as president. Sister Mollie is an earnest worker, and will have efficient help and encouragement, from Brother Hall, their pastor. The societies will all hold devotional meetings as well as work meetings.

My Virginia trip has been a very pleasant and successful one. This is my last point in Virginia. I expect to go home to-morrow. My next work will be at St. James, Md. May God's blessings continue upon the work.

The Sunday-School.

1. Here is a good motto for every one starting out in life: "Owe no man anything but to love one another." Everyone should exercise the greatest care and not contract liabilities that you cannot meet. Pay debts promptly. See that your promises are kept, that your word is as good as your bond. Should you have occasion to borrow money, make it a point to pay on the day when it is due. This is a much needed lesson, especially for young people starting out in active life.

2. Love is the great principle that should govern our whole christian life. Those whose life is governed by love, true love, the love with which Jesus loved us, are the children of God. Love works no ill to its neighbor, but it does not rest in this negative goodness, it is *active*. It not only does no harm, but it does positive good to its neighbor. It seeks his welfare, studies his needs, and gives help and sympathy wherever needed.

3. Be pure and chaste in all your *thoughts, words and actions*. Obscene and profane words, indecent stories should never be allowed to pass your lips. Keep your heart pure, for out of it are the issues of life. "Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul, and a beautiful soul makes a beautiful face." Think on pure things. Set your affections on things above. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Thoughts are the silent workmen which build our character. Be pure in your business life, in your social life, in your moral and spiritual life. Without purity of heart and life no one shall see or enjoy God. Set a good example to others. Help them, by your influence, to live right.

4. Do what you can by your influence and example, by every means in your power to check the prevalence of intemperance and to advance the cause of temperance. Purity of life—let this be your aim for yourself, and labor for its promotion in all with whom you have intercourse.

King's Children.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEE WORK.

Every King's Children society should have its full quorum of committees, and in fact it is not fully organized unless it has them. Much of the success of each society will depend on energetic, active committee work.

The Membership committee should have an enthusiastic Christian, spirited worker at its head. And this committee should constantly keep before the society, the importance of punctuality in attendance at all the various meetings of the society. To accomplish this purpose other societies have made use of pledges with varying degrees of success. But, speaking from personal experience, I find a good, energetic committee constantly at work will accomplish more in this line, with most of people, than any form of pledges, or other device. If one people can be interested in the work and made to see the glorious fruits that result from the societies influence and labors in the attendance at church services and general interest, this will become at once the greatest power and incentive to punctuality and true devotion to the cause; without which devotion any device would prove fatal. It is not device but heart, that we must bring to the work; and if heart is in the work, device will not be needed. Let every membership committee be earnest in the work, securing new members, and looking after the careless or negligent.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

This committee should have at its head one who can use great tact, as its work will go far toward keeping up the general interest in the meetings, entertainments, etc., of the society; and it may often prove itself useful in augmenting the funds in the treasury as well as caring for the literary features.

The success of the literary feature of the society will devolve largely upon this committee, and no society should neglect the literary feature.

True Christianity must and ever will express itself in *literature, music and good works; education, praise and duty; knowledge, happiness and safety*.

Let the above three elements of success be conspicuously present in the work of every program committee.

(To be Continued.)

MAN of the world! Bad as we who are called Christians are—and none can know that badness as we do ourselves—*your* world would be worse if we were not in it.
—Dr. John Hall.